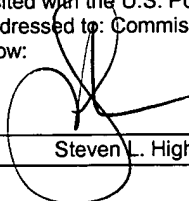




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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

P.E. Rakoczy and I.J. Constable

Serial No.: 09/065,082

Filed: July 16, 1998

For: HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER  
FOR GENE THERAPY AND VEGF  
ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT  
ABNORMAL RETINAL  
VASCULARIZATION

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Sean McGarry

Atty. Dkt. No.: DACO:004US

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE MAILED ON SEPT. 9, 2003**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2003, the deadline for response being January 9, 2004, by virtue of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and payment of fees. No other fees are believed due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/DACO:004US/SLH.

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